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SUBJ: GENERAL MOTORS VISIT TO MOSCOW

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1. WE HAVE BEEN IN CONSTANT TOUCH HERE WITH GM ADVANCEMAN MALONEY, WHO HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH PUTTING GAGE PROGRAM TOGETHER. HE HAS WORKED PRINCIPALLY WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

2. FOR OUR PART, WE HAVE INFORMED BOTH MFT (ALKHIMOV) AND MFA (KORNIYENKO) IN PERSONALLY- DELIVERED PAPERS ABOUT PURPOSE OF GAGE VISIT AND HIS DESIRE TO MEET WITH KOSYGIN DURING STAY HERE. AS WASHINGTON AGENCIES AWARE, CALLS ON SOVIET LEADERS USUALLY ARE NOT MADE KNOWN TO CALLER UNTIL LAST MINUTE. WE HAVE ALSO TRANSMITTED GERSTENBERG LETTER TO KOSYGIN AND ORALLY REQUESTED APPOINTMENT FOR GAGE WITH PATOLICHEV AND TARASOV.

3. AS OF NOW, GAGE IS SCHEDULED TO SEE DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER KOMAROV, WHO WILL BE HIS PRINCIPAL POINT OF CONTACT, AND FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER OF AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY LISNYAK (AS TARASOV IS OUT OF TOWN, PLUS SUNDRY OTHER OFFICIALS. ALKHIMOV HAS PROMISED US GAGE WILL SEE PATOLICHEV AND THAT MEETING WITH KOSYGIN IS BEING WORKED ON.
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